

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
MULBERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

October 4th and 5th, 1899.

OFFICERS:

F. M. WOODS..... *Moderator*.....Clanton, Ala.
W. J. RUDDICK.....*Stated Clerk*.....Stanton, Ala.
E. B. DEASON.....*Treasurer*.....Clanton, Ala.

*The next session will be held with the Baptist Church at
Bozeman, October 9, 1900, it being Wednesday before
Second Sunday.*

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CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

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| <i>Foreign Missions</i> | W. H. CONNELL..... | Dixie |
| <i>Home Missions</i> | P. G. MANESS..... | Shoults |
| <i>State Missions</i> | E. M. BISHOP..... | Huckabee |
| <i>Education</i> | J. T. MARTIN | Plantersville |
| <i>Ministerial Education</i> .. | W. I. MULLINS... .. | Clanton |
| <i>Bible Schools</i> | G. W. TAYLOR..... | Huckabee |
| <i>Periodicals</i> | E. L. MANNING..... | Burwell |
| <i>Temperance</i> | E. B. DEASON..... | Clanton |
| <i>Institute Work</i> | J. M. SMOKE..... | Huckabee |
| <i>Orphans' Home</i> | J. L. LONG. | Bozeman |

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises, 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
2. Introductory Sermon, 11 a.m.
3. Call to order, after dinner.
4. Organization.
5. Read Rules of Decorum.
6. Ministers not messengers invited to seats.
7. Admission of new churches.
8. Correspondents received.
9. Appoint Committees to report this session :
 - On Preaching this session.
 - Letters and Documents.
 - Aged and Infirm Ministers.
 - Deceased Ministers.
 - Nominations.
 - Apportionment.
10. Reports.
11. Appoint Committees to report next session :
 - On Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
 - Bible Schools.
 - Temperance.
 - Periodicals.
 - Orphans' Home.
 - Education.
 - Ministerial Education.
 - Institute Work.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES.

1. The Unity Baptist Association met in its forty-fifth annual session with the Mulberry Baptist church, October 4th, 1899, 10 a.m.

2. Devotional exercises were conducted by H.E. Wallace. The 39th Psalm was read and prayer was offered by H. E. Wallace, M. E. Erwin, J. H. Griffis and D. M. Apperson.

3. At 11 a.m. the Introductory Sermon was preached by E. L. Manning from I Cor.' xiii:15.

4. After preaching a recess was taken for dinner.

5. During recess the Clerk enrolled the names of delegates as follows:

Ebenezer—W. H. Connell, W. J. Ruddick, W. L. Price.

Harmony—H. E. Wallace, J. H. Griffis, N. W. Durden.

Verbena—J. T. Bland, Geo. Moore.

Brookson—B. P. Jones.

Pleasant Grove—P. G. Maness, R. Maness.

Bozeman—B. F. Donovan.

Providence—W. H. Robinson, A. J. Powell.

Bethel—A. H. Johnson, N. L. Maroney.

Bethsalem—W. Y. Keel, A. T. Hathcock, Jas. Moore.

Evergreen—J. H. Apperson, J. M. Willis, E. M. Bishop, Geo. Smith.

Bethesda—J. H. Bates, W. L. Jackson.

Femison—W. E. Lowry, W. D. Horsley.

Shiloh—W. J. Bone, R. L. Williams, N. J. Maddox, G. W. Edwards, A. C. Pool.

Alpine—J. E. McCullough.

Pilgrim's Rest—R. P. Kendrick, A. M. Walker, W. B. Chandler.

Good Hope—J. N. Cook, B. M. Rollison, F. M. Chatman, O. K. Holland, J. G. Walker.

Mt. Carmel—D. M. Apperson, J. T. Adams.

Corinth—E. L. Manning, W. A. Goss, N. Goss.

Mt. Zion—Geo. W. Willis.

Chestnut Creek—J. A. Kicker.

Mulberry—W. A. Wood, S. K. Raspberry, W. Y. Aitchison, T. J. Elam, W. M. Oden, W. J. Fleming, A. S. Jones.

Salem—N. J. Calloway.

Friendship—W. J. D. Roy, J. L. Long.
Valley Creek—J. T. Martin, R. P. Barnes, J. T. Gandy.
Randolph—J. R. Wells.
Clanton—F. M. Woods, E. B. Deason, J. T. Cooley.
Big Spring—J. R. Cherry, Jas. D. Hill, A. J. Wright.
Maple Springs—D. F. Jacks.
Shady Grove—O. Moore, John Moore.
Sardis—H. J. Grooms.
Plantersville—Letter
New Prospect—Letter.

6. At 1:30 p.m., the Moderator, F. M. Woods, read the 62 chapter of Isaiah, and God's blessing was asked on this session, W. J. Ruddick leading the prayer. The Moderator then declared the Association ready for business.

7. F. M. Woods, the former Moderator, was unanimously re-elected. E. B. Deason was elected Treasurer.

8. The roll was called by the Clerk.

9. The rules of decorum were read by the Clerk.

10. Ministers not messengers were invited to seats. Responded to by N. J. Parrish, M. E. Erwin, W. M. Wood, J. L. Hand and W. A. Walker.

11. Opportunity was given for new churches to unite with us. Concord, recently constituted, responded. It was unanimously received. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to K. W. Cox and E. H. Parrish, the delegates from this church.

12. The following committees were appointed to report at this session.

Letters and Documents—P. G. Maness, R. P. Barnes, J. L. Long.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—N. L. Maroney, D. F. Jacks, B. P. Jones.

Deceased Ministers—J. H. Griffis, W. J. Fleming, D. M. Apperson.

Nominations—J. T. Bland, R. P. Kendrick, J. H. Apperson.

Finance—J. L. Palmer, E. M. Bishop, N. Goss.

Apportionment—E. B. Deason, A. C. Pool, N. J. Callo-way, H. E. Wallace.

Orphans' Home—J. R. Wells, W. H. Connell, W. A. Wood.

13. The Report on Temperance prepared by H. W. Caffey was read by W. J. Ruddick. It was discussed by J. R. Wells, M. E. Erwin, J. L. Long and W. H. Connell. A motion to amend was spoken to by W. J. Ruddick, W. L. Price, J. R. Wells, J. L. Hand, W. H. Connell, M. E. Erwin, F. M. Woods, M. J. Parrish, and lost. The report was then adopted.

14. Correspondents were called for.

Dr. A. J. Dickinson, of Selma Association, representing the Greensboro church interest; and A. M. Perry, from Cahaba Association, were received.

15. On motion the Association adjourned until 9:30 a.m. to-morrow.

16. The Association was then dismissed with prayer by W. J. Ruddick.



SECOND DAY.

17. W. H. Connell conducted the devotional exercises. Prayer by W. J. Bone, and P. G. Maness.

18. The Moderator called the Association to order and declared the body ready for business.

19. On motion the reports on Education and Ministerial Education were read and discussed by J. R. Wells, A. J. Dickinson and M. E. Erwin, and were then adopted.

20. A. J. Dickinson presented the claims of the Greensboro church.

21. The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read by P. G. Maness and W. J. Ruddick. Pending the adoption of these reports, W. J. Ruddick preached the Missionary sermon from Matt. 28, 19 and 20 verses. Collection \$30.06.

22. The Association was led in prayer by A. J. Dickinson and was dismissed for dinner.

23. The Association was called to order at 1:30 p.m. and united in prayer.

24. A resolution was offered to appropriate the missionary collection as follows: Foreign Missions \$5.00, Home Missions, \$5.00, Institute Work \$10.06, Greensboro church \$10.00, and it was adopted.

25. The discussion of the reports on the mission reports

was participated in by P. G. Maness, J. R. Wells and W. H. Connell.

26. The report by G. W. Taylor on Periodicals was read and adopted after talks by W. J. Ruddick, W. L. Price and L. J. Hand.

27. The report on Orphans' Home was presented by J. R. Wells. The report was spoken to by J. R. Wells and E. L. Manning, and after adding a resolution it was adopted.

28. W. J. Ruddick read the report on Institute Work. It was spoken to by W. J. Ruddick, F. M. Woods J. R. Wells, W. L. Price and W. H. Connell. A collection was taken, amounting to \$11.05, and the report was adopted.

29. In accordance with resolutions of Southern Baptist Convention suggesting the holding of an extra session of the Association for educational missionary effort, it was unanimously agreed to hold an extra session of this body. Time and place to be named by the Executive committee.

30. P. G. Maness read report on Letters and Documents and it was adopted; leaving the place of next session to be arranged by the Executive Committee.

31. N. L. Maroney read the report on Aged and Infirm Ministers and it was adopted.

32. The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by J. T. Bland and adopted.

33. J. H. Griffis made report on Deceased Ministers and it was adopted.

34. The Committee on Apportionment made its report through E. B. Deason and after some remarks it was adopted.

35. W. J. Ruddick offered a resolution to drop the names of Chestnut Hill and Enterprise churches from our Association and it was adopted.

36. On motion \$30.00 was appropriated for Minutes and \$20.00 to pay the Clerk.

37. J. R. Wells offered the following :

Resolved, That the messengers and visitors to the Unity Association tender our sincere thanks to the Mulberry church and friends in the community for the kindness and hospitality extended to them during this session. It was adopted by a rising vote.

38. E. M. Bishop read the report of the Finance Committee and it was adopted.

39. It was resolved that the Alabama Baptist be requested to publish the resolution adopted in connection with the report on Orphans' Home.

40. On motion of N. L. Maroney \$5.00 of the unappropriated funds was donated to Mrs. H. E. Longcrier and the balance divided between C. C. Billingsley and A. H. Walker.

41. The following committees were appointed to report next session, and the Executive Committee for the next year.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions—W. H. Connell, John Moore R. P. Barnes.

Home Missions—P. G. Maness, D. M. Apperson, T. J. Deason.

State Missions—E. M. Bishop, N. L. Maroney, T. J. Elam.

Education—J. T. Martin, W. A. Wood, J. T. Bland.

Ministerial Education—W. I. Mullins, W. E. Lowry, W. A. Goss.

Bible Schools—G. W. Taylor, H. E. Wallace, J. N. Cook.

Periodicals—E. L. Manning, J. A. Kicker, M. J. Parrish.

Temperance—E. B. Deason, A. J. Powell, A. C. Pool.

Institute Work—J. M. Smoke, W. J. Boue, J. H. Griffiths.

Orphans' Home—J. L. Long, D. F. Jacks, N. J. Callo-way.

Executive Committee—F. M. Woods, W. I. Mullins, W. L. Sampey, H. W. Caffey, W. B. Strock.

42. The Treasurer made a report of monies in his hand, and it was adopted. A complete report appears in the minutes.

43. Business being dispensed with, "How firm a foundation," was sung, the parting hand given, and the Association was led in prayer by W. J. Ruddick.

44. The Moderator declared the Association adjourned, to meet at the place to be named, on Wednesday, October 9th, 1900.

45. The Executive committee reported to the Clerk that Bozeman church would entertain the next session.

F. M. WOODS, *Moderator*.

W. J. RUDDICK, *Stated Clerk*.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Christianity is essentially missionary. The origin, development and character of Christianity are missionary in every sense of the term. A missionary is one who is sent. A Christian missionary is one who is sent to do good, to be a means of saving souls, to build up character. He has a message of love and mercy for his fellow man. Every person who does Christian work is also doing missionary work. Jesus was the greatest missionary. He was sent from heaven to earth to prepare a way for man's redemption. Godly women supported Him in this great missionary work. Before His ascension He gave instructions to His disciples to carry His gospel to all nations of the earth. (Matt. 28:19)

In this world-wide Christian work, the Baptists have taken and are still taking a most prominent part. In evangelizing the world, the Baptists, merely for convenience, divide the work into State, Home and Foreign Missions. Each of these departments is controlled by a regularly appointed and organized Board.

Our report is especially concerned with mission work in our own State. This work is under the direction of the State Board of Missions. The primary object of State mission work is to develop the churches, especially along missionary lines, to lead them to give more liberally to the cause of missions and to increase the number of givers. A church developed along the line of giving is developed in almost every way. Honest and cheerful giving is a sure test of true Christian character. During the twenty-five years of its existence the State Board of Missions has been greatly blessed in this work. Churches have been led to give that never gave before; others have increased their gifts; and still others have been led to give more systematically. In order to make the work more effectual, the State is divided into districts. A godly, consecrated evangelist is appointed to each district. It is his duty to visit each of the churches in his particular district some time during the year, to preach on missions, to endeavor to enlarge the missionary conception and to secure gifts for God's great work. Our district during the past Associational year

has been in charge of the Rev. A. J. Preston. His meetings at the various churches have been greatly blessed. The good he has accomplished shows how much we need this kind of work. Our churches certainly need developing in missionary activity. Last year our Association gave \$172.79 for State Missions or nearly seven cents per member. But for Home Missions, which is a much larger and more important field, the churches did not average one cent per member. And for Foreign Missions the average was about one and a half cents per member. Out of the thirty-five churches, constituting our Association, seventeen gave absolutely nothing to any kind of missionary work. Twenty-seven gave nothing to Home Missions, and twenty-six gave nothing to Foreign Missions. What a record for a Missionary Association! Surely brethren our churches need awakening. They need to learn the "Little Gospel," "God so loved the world," etc., and also Christ's great commission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," etc. They need to learn that Christ was supported in His great missionary work while on earth. Godly women ministered to Him of their substance, (Luke 8:3). They need to learn that the early Apostolic churches sent out missionaries to every known country of that time. The Apostles did state mission work around Jerusalem, in Judea. They did home mission work in Samaria and the surrounding countries. They did foreign mission work in Egypt, in Asia Minor, in Greece, in Italy and elsewhere. Our churches need to learn that if it had not been for Christian missionaries, who were sent from Rome to our fathers 1,300 years ago, we, ourselves, would have been in darkness, idolatry and superstition to this day. They need to learn that two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the human race still worship gods of wood and stone, or else they worship the sun, moon and stars, or fire, winds and rain. They walk in darkness, they live in superstition. They need our helping hand and the light of the Gospel.

Brethren, it lies with us. What will we do? The State Board has a great work to do in leading our churches to see and meet the needs of the world by giving Jesus to lost men. Our contributions to missionary work ought to be increased many times over during the coming year. This matter also lies largely in the hands of the pastors. Let them see, as well as the district evangelist, that they give to God's great work in bringing the world to Christ.

The *outlook* is as bright as God's promise. Let us work and pray and abide His coming.

Respectfully submitted,

P. G. MANESS, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We can not look along the line of coming generations without feeling most profoundly the responsibility of the task confined to our home board, the glory of the opportunity that lies before it. In the brief period of thirty years the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention will contain twice its present population. Who can picture the busy scene of life with its hum of industry, then shall fill all the wide land. Thirty years ago our dejected and impoverished people were struggling with unsolved problems, some of them the most formidable that any people had ever been called to face. Their anguished hearts still wept over the new made graves of their noble dead. Their uplifted eyes looked on the wasted form of a dying civilization. The future was dark with the shadows of despair, and the voice of prayer said, "as the moaning sea cried in the gloom, hath God forgotten to be gracious? Hath He in His anger shut up His tender mercy?" Who standing upon the wreck of property, and social order, and industry, and political institutions, could for a moment have believed it possible that a change so great could come over our land. Who then dreamed that in less than thirty years our South land would be the acknowledged center to which the chief manufacturing interest of the world must come, and that our people would lead the nations in furnishing the race with these indispensable commodities. Who would have believed that in thirty years, her miles of railroad would have doubled, and that an unknown spot in the swamps of Louisiana would successfully compete with Chicago for the transportations of the north west! Who would have believed that the great line of steamers from our southern ports would contend with Philadelphia, New York and Boston for commercial profits; or that Hampton Roads would build leviathans of the deep, not only as commerce bearers to the nations, but those whose armament would thunder strike the walls of rock built cities? And all this and far more has come to pass in our day, and the development has but begun. Not until Virginia and the Carolinas shall rival New England in wealth and industry, not until Georgia and Alabama shall equal Pennsylvania and Ohio in population and products, not until Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas shall equal the whole northwest in material development, will men begin to understand how vast are the resources, and how potential the grasp our Southern land will lay upon the destiny of the future generations of the world.

How grand will be that day, if christianity shall permeate it, social, intellectual and political, and holiness to the Lord be written upon its enterprises, and the purposes that dominates its every home, be to honor God and bless humanity. But how

terrible will be that day, if selfishness, greed, the accursed thirst for gold, shall fire the hearts of our posterity, and they use their power only to satiate their untamable desires.

God save our race from the domination of a people whom christianity does not control, and who, like the unjust judge, neither fear God nor regard man. These facts about us, pointing to a conclusion we can not resist, form an argument of measureless power appealing to us to evangelize our country, and through it deliver the world from its bondage of corruption.

Our home board having control of the U. S. A., Indian Territory, New Mexico and Cuba, has before it a stupendous work. May the God of all grace fire the hearts of the three million Baptists, who have the honor to call this board, "our board" with that zeal necessary to supply ample funds to consummate all the wise plans of the board, to the end that God may be glorified, in the removal of all destitution in the territory occupied by them.

The board has done a wonderful work, and now let us, as sons and daughters of a Great King, come up willingly, courageously and liberally, to the help of the board, to the help of the Lord, as men and women who wait and expect their coming Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. MULLINS, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The authority for foreign missions is based on God's eternal truth, Christ's atoning sacrifice, the Saviour's command to go, the Holy Spirit's promise to lead and man's need of salvation. The Master said, "Begin at Jerusalem and go into all the world." To carry out His command we must have wisdom, men and money. The qualification can be had only by thorough and patient training for this special work. The men must be called to this important field by the Holy Spirit, who only knows the fitness of things. The money must be furnished by God's children—you and I. What a privilege! What a responsibility! What are we doing? All doors are prayer-opened. The earnest prayers of men and women, dead and living, have ascended on high; besieged God's throne until, at last, He has opened wide the door of opportunity and invited us in. Will we go up and possess the land, or sit still and cry retrench? Heathen millions waiting and crying, "make haste we die in the awful dark."

Eager men and women, trained as they have never been before, are ready to go, and the swift greyhounds of the sea are ready to transport them to their fields. Cables, under seas

and over continents, to send, swift and clear, to the lonely overbourn in the far off lands the thrilling message: "We are coming at last to your rescue, be of good courage."

But the treasuries of Christ are empty. The Master says, "go." The men say, "Here am I, send me." Instead of the men, or the message that the men are coming, the churches make the cables under the sea sob, and the wires over-head wail the word, over all the mission spaces, to all the heathens waiting, "We cannot come; we will not send; work out there; die out there; retrench; draw back; cut off; retreat; close that school; shut up that hospital; abandon that preaching tour; leave that hopeful station; refuse that call to preach Christ in a new city, or province, or kingdom."

That has been the character of the messages of christendom to the heathen world for more than three mortal years—by the church at home and abroad.

Thy kingdom come we cry and say,
We've done our part, we've learned to pray,
But hands are idle now alway;
The purse is closed; our lips are mute
Where Christ is held in disrepute.
"Go preach my Word!" says Christ and lo,
We answer Lord, "excuse us, no,
We have our grain to reap and sow,
Our barns, so large, we have to fill,
Our cattle tend upon the hill,
Our land is rough and hard to till;
We have our families to feed,
We must lay by for future need,
Thou wilt excuse us Lord, we know,
And bless us still, we cannot go."

The gospel is an entailed legacy, handed to us by the fathers, with the imperative injunction to send it to earth's remotest bounds. We will not be asked in the final day, "were the heathen saved" but have you been faithful to the trust reposed in you.

Brethren of the Unity Association, let us answer the Macedonian cry with our money, and we shall have the joy, and God will do the rest.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. FLEMING, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Our Orphanage at Evergreen, under the wise and faithful management of Rev. J. W. Stewart, financial agent, and Mrs. Hardy, matron, is doing a noble work in caring for, training and educating quite a number of otherwise helpless orphans.

Upward of 60 are now in the Home and are dependent upon the denomination in the State for support.

We recommend that liberal gifts be sent them from the churches and individuals all along during the year. Provisions, wearing apparel, bedding, money, toys, etc., will be acceptable any time. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

J. R. WELLS, *Chairman.*

Resolved: That the Unity Association recommend to the trustees and managers of the Orphans' Home that arrangements be made to care for infirm and helpless little ones. We believe that the Unity Association will gladly respond to a call for such a work.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education does not appeal to us alone as a means of elevating the mental or physical nature of man. It has a wider scope: Education relates to man as a physical, mental, and moral being. Were our moral nature not concerned it would be a question foreign to this, a religious body. Man is so co-ordinated in his three-fold nature that the highest development of one means a corresponding development of the others. The question being asked, "Is life worth living?" has been answered, "that depends on the liver," intending that "liver" be referred with propriety either to the man or to that organ of the body which secretes the bile. It has been questioned, and we think wisely too, if we can persuade men to right living with much success when they are suffering from mental or physical conditions which we could relieve. Let us administer to the physical and mental man and then we can get nearer his moral nature. It is our duty to cultivate the threefold nature of man. Of Christ it is said "the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom." Luke 2:40.

These facts being brought forth, it is conclusive that it is our duty to educate bodily, mentally and religiously. Where, when and by whom should an education begin? An education should begin at home. It should begin when the child shows its first signs of development. The parents should be the first tutors. It should begin at home because it is home that combines all our early surroundings, and is a time when the mind is most pliable and susceptible of truths. Home! How rich a field for usefulness! Home! home!! How sweet the words! How musical! How much of poetry they suggest! No wonder we have the "Old oaken bucket," and the lines beginning:

"I love the dear old farm and my heart grows young and warm
When I wander back to spend a single day."

and other poems with similar sentiment.

The child should be educated along all lines that relate to its temporal and spiritual welfare. In this connection we would lay stress upon the importance of a biblical training, and suggest the importance of fostering the Sunday-school cause which has for its purpose a more thorough dissemination of biblical truths. In conclusion, let us say, let study be pleasurable.

We recommend to the support of every Baptist the Judson Female Institute at Marion and Howard College at East Lake, believing that we have in these Institutes colleges unsurpassed by any others in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

JUDSON STROCK.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Ministerial education is one of the most important enterprises fostered by our denomination, for the preacher is the teacher and leader of God's people. And looking to their interest the convention instituted a board with W. A. Hobson president, located at East Lake. The Baptists have at East Lake a college that is second to none in the State, and our young preachers can obtain an education free of tuition; but these young men must eat and wear. Last session there were twenty-one ministerial students in Howard College, some of them paid their board, others part of their board. Ten had regular preaching stations, others preached occasionally.

We have also a School of the Prophets located at Louisville, Ky., where our young preachers are taught the Word of God, and trained in every department of a preacher's work. We had twelve students in this school last session from Alabama.

J. M. SMOKE.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The legalized liquor traffic is still found throughout the length and breadth of our country. Our daily papers are filled with the reports of brawls, misdemeanors, crimes, murders and suicides, as the result of its existence. Some one must surely be responsible at the judgment bar of Almighty God, for the horrible array of sin and misery which it produces. Who is responsible, is the question that each one should ask of his own conscience, and attempt to amend it, honestly, in the fear of the Lord. There can be no doubt about it that the

maker and seller of strong drinks are responsible, for they deal out the poison which ruins the body, degrades the mind, and destroys the soul of the victim. There is no doubt in the writer's mind that the divine command, "Thou shalt not kill," is as direct and positive against poisoning the individual with alcoholic drinks, as it is against taking his life with the knife or bludgeon. There can also be no question but that the drinker is responsible. In this day and age of the world's history and enlightenment, no man who uses alcoholic drinks can plead ignorance, either of their injurious effect on the physical system, or of their paralyzing and deadening effect upon the conscience and moral attributes of the human soul. The evidence of the evil effects of strong drink are all about us. A man need but to open his eyes to see, or to pause and think, to realize that the use of intoxicating liquors produce evil, and only evil, continually. It would be well if we could stop here and say, "This ends the responsibility for the evil effects of strong drink," but unfortunately it does not. Before the drinker stands the bar, open by the consent of the law-making powers of the country. Behind the bar hangs the license for which the saloon keeper has paid to a so-called Christian government so many ounces of gold for so many ounces of human blood. And beyond and above the bar and the license there stand the distiller and the brewer, legalized by the national government, to which they pay \$100,000,000 of tribute annually for the privilege of brewing and distilling what has been aptly named "the broth of hell," which produces all the ruin which is so patent to us all. The Christian churches of the country, without regard to name or peculiarities of belief, have year after year denounced the liquor traffic in the strongest language as the enemy of God and the destroyer of the human race. They have announced in solemn conclaves, synods, assemblies, conferences, associations, conventions, etc., that no political party has the right to expect the support of Christian men so long as that party stands committed to the license policy, or refuses to put itself on record against the saloons. But we ask what is the use of these resolutions so long as 99 per cent of the Christian men, and 75 per cent of the clergy, go down to the ballot box and vote directly against their resolutions and declarations! They vote for the saloon keepers and saloon keepers' candidates, knowing that the liquor traffic will be continued if the party with which they are voting wins the election. It seems to us that judgment must begin at the house of God, and that there can be no great religious revival in this country; that there can be no forward march of the Church of Jesus Christ, until she gets rid of her complicity with the liquor traffic and repents before God for legalizing the sale of strong drink. It is as

true to-day as it was in the days of Isaiah, when the Lord said through the prophet to His chosen people, "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me saith the Lord, I am full of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts, and I delight not in the blood of bullocks or lambs, or he-goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts, bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons, and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meetings. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth; they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them; and when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood; wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, release the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." Isaiah 1: 11-17.

It is true, as claimed by many Christian preachers, that the liquor traffic is a legal question. So are theft and adultery. And where is the Christian pulpit that did not thunder out against the Mormons, or that would not have blazed with indignation should an attempt be made to legalize stealing? Yet we are to-day legalizing a traffic which produces as its known results theft, adultery, murder and suicide. And we stand idly by and do not even make a manly protest against it. God open the eyes of the Christian people of this country to see that they are responsible for the existence of the liquor traffic as long as they do not use every means that God and nature have placed in their power to banish and kill it. The writer is of the opinion that no man should stand in the pulpit and preach the gospel who is not the sworn enemy of the liquor traffic 365 days in the year, including election day; and that no man should be permitted to hold membership in an evangelical church who holds up his hands in horror against the liquor traffic, and votes strong resolutions denouncing it, and then goes to the polls and votes with both hands down in favor of the continuance of this nefarious and devilish business. I care not whether men do it for party's sake, for the sake of office, for the sake of trade and business success; whether they do it from ignorance or lack of sense, they are all equally guilty with the saloon keeper. And if not engaged in the business of selling, yet like Saul at Stephen's death, are holding the garments of those who are stoning to death the helpless women and children, God's little ones, through this accursed business. It is time to speak plain and to denounce this sin, for we have pleaded and wept, and entreated for years with the Christian men and women of this nation that

for the sake of their fellow men, and for God's sake, they might stand up against this giant evil.

When the Christian people of this country, 17,000,000 in number, say to the saloons, "go," and vote "go," the liquor traffic will be ended. And as it is not ended they are responsible for its continuance in their midst. And must we not say that, as they are intelligent and enlightened upon this question, both from the intellectual and moral standpoint, from the facts of history, and from the warnings of God's Word, they are more responsible than the ignorant foreigner and the stupid drunkard whom they have put into the condition they are by legalizing the sale of strong drinks?

Do not these words of the Master apply to them: "And that servant which knew the Lord's will and prepared not himself, neither did according to His will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required, and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." Luke 12:47, 48. May the Lord help us all to see our duty in this matter.

H. W. CAFFEY, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that many of the Baptists of Alabama do not read any religious literature, and as the result at least two-thirds of them pay but little of their substance into the Master's treasury, which causes embarrassment to all our enterprises, deprives many churches of the blessings that come only through the cheerful giving. It has been said, and wisely said, train up a child in the way you would have it go and when it is old it will not depart from it. Then it behoves us as fathers and mothers to be watchful of the literature our children read. These qualities, if qualities they may be called, are essential and are acquired only through the medium of education on our doctrines and principles. We must be thoroughly informed as to the duties of this life or we can not perform those duties successfully. Be as a watchman upon the wall, remembering the words of the wise man Solomon as told above. The mind of the little one is more susceptible while young and tender than when it becomes older. Then let us as fathers and mothers write these few facts that are before us of the many that could be given, put within our children's reach good literature. The Alabama Baptist is a periodical that will instruct us as to the work of the Baptists of Alabama. It being the organ of the Baptist State Conven-

tion should be in the home of every Baptist in Alabama. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, which tells us of the godly men and their work among the heathen in foreign fields. It is a noticeable fact that those who read religious literature are better informed and heed the words of our Lord and Master: "Give freely and ye shall have and that in abundance." Then let us in the name of the Great King of kings be up and doing while it is called to-day.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. TAYLOR.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your committee are rejoiced to report that there has been a general increase along all lines—a general move forward. There is a marked increase over last year in the number of baptisms, in the number of new Sunday-schools organized, and in the number of gifts to Missions.

Last year out of the 34 churches constituting our Association, (Enterprise having been disbanded) 28 were represented. This year 33 are represented including the Concord new church. The number of baptisms reported this year are 195 as against 136 last year, an increase of 59. There are 28 churches that report Sunday-schools. Last year there were 22. Over 1000 scholars are enrolled, which is a marked increase over last year. Four churches, Clanton, Bozeman, Brookson and Pleasant Grove, each report over 100 scholars on the roll. 18 churches last year reported gifts to Missions. This year there are 25. The amount given to Missions this year—State, Home and Foreign—is \$264.13, which is an increase of \$29.81 over last year. The amount per capita is very near the same, or about 10 cents per member. The committee regret to say that two or three churches which gave to Missions last year, report nothing this year; but this is more than overbalanced by the number of churches which enter the list as new givers this year.

Most of the churches report revivals in which the membership has been increased and the spirituality deepened. The churches generally report peace and fellowship with one another and union and harmony in the work.

We suggest that each church try the value and power of a Sunday-school and prayer meeting by organizing one in their midst.

The meeting of the next Association is referred to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

P. G. MANESS, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

Your committee beg leave to report that this part of our work in this State is accomplishing a vast amount of good under the wise and able superintendency of Rev. G. S. Anderson.

The work is intended to be helpful to the ministry who have not had the advantage of the schools, as well as those who have had it.

Instruction is given in sermonizing, and lectures are given on bible doctrines, church organization, and finances. The brethren also take part in the discussion of these topics, which have proven to be helpful to the minister on the field.

Not only is the ministry invited, but the deacons, and others also, who attend are benefited.

During the year eleven or twelve Institutes have been held attended by over one hundred and sixty ministers. One was held at Stanton with the Ebenezer church, attended by eleven ministers and several deacons, all expressing satisfaction at the work performed.

These Institutes are held without cost to those who attend, except that a free-will offering is expected to help defray the expenses of the superintendent. This work is part of our State work authorized by our Baptist State Convention, and is expected to obtain funds for its support from the churches.

Brethren, eternity alone will reveal the helpfulness of this work to the ministry and through them to their churches. Let us help by our attendance, our money, and our prayers. Churches of the Unity Association, help in this work with your offerings and by helping your pastors to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. RUDDICK.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee beg to report the names of C. C. Billingsley and W. H. Walker as the only ones in the Unity Association in need of help. Brother Billingsley is old and infirm, and Brother Walker is blind.

We also recommend that the name of Sister H. E. Longcrier be enrolled with them, she is in need of help.

N. L. MARONEY, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your committee reports that there have been no death among our ministry during the past year.

J. H. GRIFFIS, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

To preach Introductory Sermon next Session—J. M. Smoke; alternate J. L. Long.

To preach Missionary Sermon—F. M. Woods.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—F. M. Woods; alternate T. J. Deason.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—W. J. Ruddick, J. R. Wells, L. J. Hand, E. L. Manning, H. W. Caffey.

District Meetings as follows :

FIRST DISTRICT—at Big Spring, Friday before 5th Sunday in April, 1900.

SECOND DISTRICT—at Good Hope, Friday before 5th Sunday in July, 1900.

THIRD DISTRICT—at Jemison, Friday before 5th Sunday in September, 1900.

FOURTH DISTRICT—at Pilgrim's Rest, Friday before 5th Sunday in July, 1900.

Pastors and Deacons to prepare programs.

J. T. BLAND, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

The churches are requested to raise these amounts for Missions, Orphans' Home, and Institute Work :

| | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|
| Bethesda..... | \$22 20 | Randolph..... | \$22 20 |
| Bozeman..... | 83 30 | Alpine..... | 6 66 |
| Bethel..... | 3 35 | Sardis..... | 4 44 |
| Clanton..... | 55 50 | Shiloh..... | 11 10 |
| Chestnut Creek.... | 16 65 | Verbena..... | 55 50 |
| Evergreen | 22 20 | Shady Grove..... | 11 10 |
| Corinth..... | 5 55 | Pilgrims' Rest..... | 4 44 |
| Friendship..... | 5 55 | Valley Creek..... | 27 75 |
| Bethsalem..... | 5 55 | Ebenezer..... | 28 85 |
| Harmony..... | 6 65 | Plantersville.. | 16 65 |
| Mulberry | 33 30 | Salem..... | 7 77 |
| Mt. Zion..... | 16 65 | Jemison..... | 38 85 |
| New Prospect..... | 5 55 | Good Hope..... | 5 55 |
| Big Spring..... | 16 65 | Pleasant Grove.... | 2 80 |
| Maple Spring..... | 5 55 | Brookson..... | 3 33 |
| Providence | 22 20 | Concord..... | 3 72 |
| Mt. Carmel..... | 8 88 | | |
| Total..... | | | \$595.99 |

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. DEASON, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg to report as follows:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Cash received for State Missions..... | \$13.65 |
| “ “ “ Home Missions..... | 9.16 |
| “ “ “ Foreign Missions... .. | 19.20 |
| “ “ “ Orphans' Home..... | 8.75 |
| “ “ “ Ministerial Education..... | 5.05 |
| “ “ “ Minutes and Associational purposes. | 61.94 |
| “ “ “ Institute Work..... | 13.50 |
| Collections... .. | 41.11 |
| Total..... | <u>\$172.36</u> |

This amount has been turned over to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. PALMER, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount received from Finance Committee... ..\$172.36

CREDITS.

By amount paid:

| | |
|---|---------|
| W. B. Crumpton for State Missions,... | \$13.65 |
| F. H. Kerfoot for Home Missions..... | 14.16 |
| R. J. Willingham for Foreign Missions..... | 24.20 |
| Jno. W. Stewart for Orphans' Home..... | 8.75 |
| W. A. Hobson for Ministerial Education..... | 5.05 |
| Geo. S. Anderson for Institute Work..... | 34.61 |
| Dr. Dickerson for Greenboro..... | 10.00 |
| Sister Longcrier..... | 5.00 |
| Rev. Wm. Walker... .. | 3.47 |
| N. L. Maroney for C. C. Billingsley.... | 3.47 |
| W. J. Ruddick for Minutes and services..... | 50.00 |

Total..... .. \$172.36

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. DEASON, *Treasurer.*

DISTRICTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST—Autaugaville, Bethesda, Big Spring, Bethel, Evergreen, Harmony, Shady Grove.

SECOND—Bethsalem, Bozeman, Chestnut Creek, Friendship, New Prospect, Shiloh, Verbena, Corinth, Good Hope.

THIRD—Clanton, Mt. Zion, Salem, Providence, Maple Springs, Mulberry, Jemison, Concord.

FOURTH—Alpine, Ebenezer, Mt. Carmel, Pleasant Grove, Plantersville, Randolph, Sardis, Valley Creek, Pilgrim's Rest, Brookson.

Ordained Ministers.

| Name | Post Office | No. of Churches |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Adams S. M.... | Clanton..... | 1 |
| Armstrong, W. J..... | Clanton..... | 2 |
| Bone, W. J..... | Kincheon.... | 1 |
| Connell, W. H..... | Stanton.... | 3 |
| Deason, T. J..... | Kincheon..... | 3 |
| Hand, J. L..... | Rollins | 2 |
| Jones, Hardy..... | Verbena | None |
| Lawrence, T. N..... | Shoults | None |
| Long, J. L..... | Bozeman | None |
| Maness, P. G..... | Shoults | 1 |
| Moore, J. E..... | Billingsley | None |
| Neely, J. L..... | Kincheon | 1 |
| Parrish M. J..... | Clanton | 4 |
| Pounds, L. B..... | Clanton | None |
| Ruddick, W. J..... | Stanton | 3 |
| Smoke, J. M..... | Huckabee | 4 |
| Thomas, J. H..... | Jemison | 3 |
| Wood, W. A..... | Clanton | None |
| Wood, W. M..... | Clanton | None |
| Woods, F. M..... | Clanton | 4 |
| Wells, J. R..... | Randolph | 4 |

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; these three are one.—1 Cor. 8:6; Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 John 5:7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.—2 Peter 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.—1 Peter 1:25; Eph. 1:4; 2 Thess. 2:13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Rom. 3:23; 5:12; 3:10.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature.—Rom. 5:6; John 6:44; Eph. 2:1-5; Phil. 2:13.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.—Rom. 5:1; Gal. 2:16-20.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.—2 Cor. 12:9; Col. 3:4; Rom. 8:38, 39.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism.—Matt. 3:5, 6, 13, 16; Acts 2:37, 38; Acts 8:38, 39.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.—Acts 17:31; John 5:28, 29.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.—Matt. 25:46.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God and have been regularly baptised, approved by the church, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.—1 Tim. 4:14; Acts 26:16.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptised believers have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.—Acts 2:42-44; 2 Cor. 6:14; 1 Cor. 11:23-29.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as "THE UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION," and shall be composed of delegates from such churches as constitute, or may hereafter unite with this body.

ART. 2. The design of its labors shall be to promote the cause of Christ and to encourage those objects supported by Baptists generally.

ART. 3. This Association shall hold its sessions annually, at such a time and place as it may appoint.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Treasurer—to be elected annually—and a Stated Clerk, elected for life or good behavior—each of whom shall perform all the duties appertaining to such offices in similar bodies; and in the case of the absence of any officer one *pro tem.* shall be appointed by the Association until an election is declared.

ART. 5. A record of the proceedings of this Association shall be kept by the Clerk, and as soon as practicable after the close of each session, he shall superintend the printing of the minutes thereof, and shall furnish each church with a suitable number of copies.

ART. 6. Any Church subscribing to our Abstract of Faith may be admitted into this Association by consent of the members in session.

ART. 7. Any Church, orthodox in faith and practice, and which has complied with this Constitution, may withdraw from this body by the consent of a majority of the members in session.

ART. 8. This Association, in regular session, may dissolve its connection with any church which may differ with it in doctrine and practice.

ART. 9. Any Church of this Association, with thirty members or less, shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members or fractional part thereof.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of each Church to forward a written communication to every session, specifying the names of its delegates and the state of the Church.

ART. 11. If a difficulty should arise in a Church, which cannot be settled thereby, the Church shall call aid from two or more sister Churches; if the matter cannot then be adjusted it shall be referred to the Association for advice.

ART. 12. All queries must be acted upon by the Churches in which they may originate, and when they fail to be disposed of therein, must be reported by letter to the Association;

the decision thereof shall be considered as an advisory answer.

ART. 13. This Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted and paid over to the Finance Committee, and said committee to pay over to the Treasurer.

ART. 14. Any article of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at any regular session.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The officers of the Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the membership present.
3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member not satisfied with this decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, and he shall rise, and obtaining permission, proceed; such permission being signified by the Moderator naming the person, or otherwise.
6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject; and every motion made and seconded, in order, shall come under the consideration of the Association, and be decided, unless withdrawn by him who made it.
7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.
8. When a question has been introduced, and sufficient time allowed for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association upon the subject; those in the affirmative shall make it known by saying aye, and those opposed shall make it known by saying nay.
9. The appellation "brother" shall be used in the Association when one brother addresses another, but this article shall not be so construed as to ignore the Moderator.
10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. The names of the delegates shall be called as often as the Association shall direct.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided. He may also appoint committees necessary

for transacting any business that may, from time to time, come before the Association.

13. Any member violating these rules shall be reprovod by the Moderator, but only on the day such violation occurs.

14. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and may be altered or amended whenever a majority of the membership present shall deem it necessary.



STATISTICS OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1899

| CHURCH | COUNTY | PASTOR | CLERK | CLERK'S P.O. | Membership last Reported | Increase by | | | | Decr'se by | | | | Present Membership | Offers & Telling | SUNDAY-SCHOOL | | Preaching Sabbath Reports | Prayer Mtg | Revival |
|---------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| | | | | | | Baptism | Letter | Voucher | Restoration | Letter | Exclusion | Erasure | Death | | | Pupils | Supt's Name and P. O. | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alpine..... | Chilton | J. M. Smoke... | J. T. Jones jr.. | Plantersville | 90 | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | 1 | 86 | 4 | 27 | J. T. Jones, Plantersville.. | 2 | | 1 | |
| Autaugaville..... | Autauga | | | Plantersville | 5 | | | | | | | | 5 | | | Union school..... | | | | |
| Bethel..... | Autauga | A. M. Perry..... | A. H. Johnson.. | Plantersville | 54 | | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 | 52 | | | H. M. Pool, Independence.. | 4 | | 1 | |
| Bethesda..... | Autauga | I. M. Smoke..... | J. H. Jones.... | Independence | 124 | | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | | 124 | 6 | 50 | W. J. Vinson, Kincheon.... | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| Bethsalem..... | Chilton | J. L. Hand..... | W. J. Vinson... | Kincheon | 60 | 8 | | | | 3 | 3 | | 69 | 4 | 36 | W. Willis, Billingsley.... | 3 | | | |
| Big Spring..... | Autauga | J. M. Smoke..... | W. N. Gaines... | Haynes | 115 | | | | | 1 | | 5 | 109 | 5 | 25 | J. B. Gray, Bozeman [2 & | 3 | | | |
| Bozeman..... | Autauga | Geo. L. Bell.... | T. J. Levens.... | Mountain Creek | 123 | 8 | 2 | | | 6 | | 1 | 126 | 10 | 135 | J. T. Farley, Pletcher..... | 4 | 1 | 1 | |
| Brookson..... | Chilton | W. J. Bone..... | J. W. Billingsley | Billingsley | 19 | 4 | 4 | | | 1 | 1 | | 25 | 8 | 105 | P. C. Dennis, Cooper..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| Chestnut Creek..... | Chilton | J. H. Thomas... | J. W. Dennis... | Cooper | 109 | 16 | 6 | 2 | | 7 | 6 | 2 | 118 | 5 | 50 | T. A. Curry, Clanton..... | 1 | | | |
| Clanton..... | Chilton | F. M. Woods.... | W. L. Mullins... | Clanton | 85 | 23 | 16 | 2 | | 4 | | | 122 | 10 | 115 | | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| Concord..... | Chilton | W. J. Armstrong | T. N. Parrish... | Clanton | | 12 | 28 | | | | | | 40 | | | | | | | |
| Corinth..... | Chilton | M. J. Parrish... | W. B. Jones.... | Burwell | 59 | 8 | 8 | | | 4 | 4 | 1 | 66 | 4 | 25 | W. D. Goss, Burwell..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| Ebenezer..... | Chilton | W. J. Ruddick... | J. H. Mitchell.. | Stanton | 120 | 14 | 5 | | | 8 | | 2 | 129 | 4 | 75 | W. A. Overstreet, Huckabee | 4 | | 1 | |
| Evergreen..... | Autauga | W. J. Ruddick... | E. M. Bishop... | Huckabee | 96 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | 97 | 6 | 45 | J. L. Long, Bozeman..... | 4 | | | |
| Friendship..... | Elmore | J. C. Thomas... | E. L. Todd..... | Lightwood | 21 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | | 23 | 2 | 36 | W. E. Boon, Rollins..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Good Hope..... | Autauga | J. L. Hand..... | W. E. Boon.... | Rollins | 61 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | 79 | 5 | 14 | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Harmony..... | Autauga | J. M. Smoke..... | W. M. Parker... | Milton | 41 | | | | | 3 | | 1 | 37 | | | J. M. Langston, Jemison... | 1 | 1 | | |
| Jemison..... | Chilton | S. Smitherman | W. N. Rodgers... | Jemison | 100 | | 1 | 1 | | 8 | 1 | 1 | 92 | 6 | 50 | D. M. Apperson, Stanton.. | 2 | 1 | | |
| Maple Springs..... | Chilton | T. J. Deason.... | W. T. Jones.... | Cooper | 60 | 22 | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 58 | | 56 | H. C. Young, Jumbo..... | 3 | | 1 | |
| Mt. Carmel..... | Chilton | A. M. Perry..... | R. A. Kemp..... | Pletcher | 88 | 7 | 9 | | | 5 | 1 | | 98 | 5 | 56 | J. L. Palmer, Randolph.... | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Mt. Zion..... | Chilton | B. H. Vickers... | D. H. Mullins... | Jumbo | 44 | | | | | 3 | 1 | 6 | 34 | 7 | 45 | A. M. Walker, Pletcher.... | 1 | | | |
| Mulberry..... | Chilton | W. J. Ruddick... | J. C. Veazey.... | Randolph | 170 | 18 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 184 | 5 | 50 | | 4 | | | |
| New Prospect..... | Autauga | J. R. Caldwell... | J. T. Culpepper | Marbury | 61 | | | | 2 | 8 | | | 55 | 6 | 66 | J. P. Merchant, Shoults[2 & | 1 | | | |
| Plantersville..... | Dallas | W. H. Connell... | R. P. McCullough | Plantersville | 52 | | 1 | 4 | | | | | 57 | | 109 | A. M. Davis jr, Randolph.. | 2 | | | |
| Pleasant Grove..... | Chilton | P. G. Maness... | Robt. Scoggins.. | Shoults | 83 | | 3 | | | 2 | 10 | 2 | 73 | 9 | 23 | J. H. Grooms, Lily..... | 4 | 1 | 1 | |
| Pilgrim's Rest..... | Chilton | T. J. Deason.... | L. M. Tidwell... | Billingsley | 45 | 3 | | | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 43 | 6 | 70 | | 4 | 1 | | |
| Providence..... | Chilton | R. M. Honeycutt | R. Robinson.... | Clanton | 135 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 15 | | 3 | 140 | | 25 | | 4 | 1 | | |
| Randolph..... | Bibb | J. R. Welis..... | Albert Woolley | Randolph | 30 | | | | | | | | 30 | 6 | 70 | | 4 | 1 | | |
| Sardis..... | Chilton | F. J. Deason.... | J. D. Deason.... | Adams | 51 | 11 | 3 | | 1 | 4 | 1 | | 61 | 8 | 28 | | 4 | 1 | | |
| Salem..... | Chilton | J. D. Hughes... | D. S. Robinson | Enid | 53 | 15 | 2 | | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 68 | | 35 | | 4 | 1 | | |
| Shady Grove..... | Dallas | W. J. Ruddick... | R. L. Moore.... | Burnsville | 30 | 4 | 3 | | | 1 | | | 36 | 1 | 50 | | 2 | | | |
| Shiloh..... | Chilton | W. J. Bone..... | G. W. Edwards... | Kincheon | 112 | | | | 1 | 4 | 1 | | 108 | 5 | 25 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Valley Creek..... | Chilton | J. R. Welis..... | J. N. Mitchell.. | Plantersville | 71 | 8 | 1 | | | 5 | | 3 | 72 | 8 | 50 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Verbena..... | Chilton | F. M. Woods... | W. H. Stroock.. | Verbena | 87 | 5 | 2 | | | 10 | 1 | 2 | 81 | 4 | 25 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Total..... | | | | | 2452 | 195 | 120 | 18 | 16 | 126 | 38 | 8 | 152 | 2597 | 72 | 1371 | | | | |

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1899

| CHURCHES | MISSIONS | | | | | EDUCATION | | | | | HOME EXPENSES | | | | Total | Value of Property |
|--------------------------|----------|-------|---------|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|---------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------------|
| | State | Home | Foreign | Church Build'gs (Not at Home) | Bible | Ministerial | College Build'gs | Institute | Orphans' Home | Minutes | Pastor's Salary | Repairs and New Buildings | Poor, Fuel, Sunday-school, Etc. | | | |
| Alpine..... | 2 25 | 2.10 | 1.07 | | | | | 2.02 | | 1 50 | 60.00 | | 7.50 | 76.44 | \$ 300 | |
| Antangaville..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel..... | | 2 00 | 1 00 | | | | | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1 00 | 45.00 | | | 51.00 | 500 | |
| Bethesda..... | 5 46 | 1 16 | | | | | | 2 45 | 6 00 | 3 00 | | | | 18.07 | 500 | |
| Bethsalem..... | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | | | | 1 50 | 400 | |
| Big Spring..... | 7 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | | | 1 05 | | | | 2 00 | | 55 15 | | 67 20 | 800 | |
| Bozeman..... | 68 47 | | | 5 00 | | | | 58 73 | | 1 50 | 300 00 | | 242 67 | 676 37 | 2000 | |
| Brookson..... | 1 00 | 1 00 | | | | | | | 1 00 | 1 00 | 8 50 | | | 12 50 | | |
| Chestnut Creek... | 65 | | | | | | | | 1 05 | 3 29 | 41 29 | | 2 60 | 48 88 | 500 | |
| Clanton..... | 10 00 | 2 50 | | | | | | | 38 67 | 2 50 | 210 00 | 128 50 | 103 64 | 495 81 | 1500 | |
| Concord..... | | | 5 50 | | | | | | | 3 00 | 1 00 | | | 9 50 | | |
| Corinth..... | 2 50 | | 2 50 | | | | | | | 1 50 | 13 90 | | | 20 40 | 300 | |
| Ebenezer..... | 12 41 | 3 00 | 5 25 | | | | 30 00 | | 5 16 | 2 50 | 100 09 | 30 00 | 4 00 | 192 32 | 1200 | |
| Evergreen..... | 5 50 | 3 72 | 3 72 | | | | | 2 61 | 12 4 | 3 00 | 100 00 | 9 00 | | 220 95 | 800 | |
| Friendship..... | | | | | | | | | | 2 00 | 17 00 | | 6 95 | 25 95 | 150 | |
| Good Hope..... | | | | | | | | 1 00 | | 4 00 | | | | 5 00 | 200 | |
| Harmony..... | 6 00 | 1 00 | 3 00 | | | 1 50 | | 2 50 | 6 60 | 2 00 | 75 00 | 56 00 | | 153 00 | 500 | |
| Jemison..... | | | | | | | | | | 2 00 | 50 00 | 11 00 | 22 00 | 85 00 | 1000 | |
| Maple Springs... | 3 50 | 1 50 | | | | | | | | 1 00 | | | | 6 00 | 300 | |
| Mt. Carmel..... | 4 50 | 5 00 | | | | | | 1 00 | | 2 50 | 75 00 | 38 16 | 13 26 | 139 42 | 500 | |
| Mt. Zion..... | | 2 00 | 1 50 | | | 1 50 | | | | 1 00 | | | 4 50 | 10 50 | 400 | |
| Mulberry..... | 2 08 | 2 00 | 2 25 | | | | | 2 16 | | 2 00 | 65 00 | | | 75 49 | 500 | |
| New Prospect..... | | | | | | | | | | 4 75 | 40 00 | 8 00 | 9 65 | 62 40 | 350 | |
| Plantersville..... | 5 00 | | | | | | | | | 2 00 | 20 00 | | | 27 00 | 500 | |
| Pleasant Grove..... | 1 00 | 2 00 | 5 00 | | | | | | 3 25 | 1 50 | | 8 50 | 11 85 | 33 10 | 400 | |
| Pilgrim's Rest..... | 50 | 50 | 50 | | | | | | 2 10 | 1 25 | | | | 4 85 | 300 | |
| Providence..... | 1 50 | 1 50 | | | | | | 1 50 | | 1 50 | 33 00 | | 12 00 | 51 00 | 400 | |
| Randolph..... | 5 59 | 4 03 | 15 22 | | 3 00 | | | | | 5 00 | 56 25 | 57 45 | 8 00 | 155 44 | 800 | |
| Sardis..... | | 50 | 50 | | | | | | | 2 10 | 1 25 | | | 4 35 | 200 | |
| Salem..... | | | | | | | | | | 2 60 | 35 6 | | | 37 86 | 100 | |
| Shady Grove..... | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | 25 00 | 55 00 | | 81 50 | 800 | |
| Shiloh..... | | | 1 45 | | | | | | | 1 50 | 17 25 | | | 20 20 | 250 | |
| Valley Creek..... | 4 00 | 3 25 | 6 74 | | | 2 55 | | 1 27 | 7 92 | 1 50 | 75 00 | 2 50 | 13 05 | 117 78 | 125 | |
| Verbena..... | 12 29 | 7 85 | 14 65 | | 5 65 | 3 60 | | 9 35 | 23 25 | 1 50 | 150 00 | 5 00 | 28 90 | 273 95 | 1500 | |
| Collections at As'n..... | 10 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 12 00 | | | | 21 11 | | | | | | 41 11 | | |
| Total... | 171.11 | 52.61 | 75.85 | 17.00 | 8.65 | 10.20 | 30.00 | 106.70 | 117.90 | 63.54 | 1612.45 | 545.26 | 490.57 | 3301.84 | 18,375 | |

Time and Place of Meeting, and Officers of the Association from its origin to the present.

| Year | Place of Meet'g | Preacher of Introductory Sermon | Moderator | Clerk | Treasurer |
|------|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1855 | Shady Grove.. | J. R. Sartor... | B. B. Smith. . | J. N. Gradick. | J. Nunn.... |
| 1856 | Plantersville .. | A. C. Pattillo.. | B. B. Smith ... | J. I. Lamar.... | J. Nunn.... |
| 1857 | Mulberry | A. Andrews... | B. B. Smith.... | J. I. Lamar.... | J. Nunn.... |
| 1858 | Kingston | D. M. Lloyd... | J. D. Moodie.. | J. I. Lamar.... | J. Nunn.... |
| 1859 | Harmony | J. H. Ray. | I. U. Wilkes... | J. I. Lamar.... | J. Nunn.... |
| 1860 | Ebenezer | J. D. Moodie... | I. U. Wilkes... | J. I. Lamar.... | J. Nunn.... |
| 1861 | Chestnut Creek | W. Wilkes.... | I. U. Wilkes... | J. I. Lamar.... | L. B. Parker |
| 1862 | Bethesda..... | A. Andrews... | I. U. Wilkes .. | A. L. Haralson | L. B. Parker |
| 1863 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1864 | Randolph. .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1865 | Plantersville .. | A. Andrews... | A. Andrews .. | W. R. Gandy. | L. B. Parker |
| 1866 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1867 | Fellowship ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1868 | Harmony ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1869 | Bethel..... | A. Andrews... | A. Andrews .. | W. C. Adair.. | L. B. Parker |
| 1870 | Mt. Hebron.... | W. Lee..... | A. Andrews .. | W. C. Adair.. | L. B. Parker |
| 1871 | Mulberry. | J. Allen..... | A. Andrews .. | W. C. Adair.. | L. B. Parker |
| 1872 | Chestnut Creek | W. Lee..... | A. Andrews .. | J. L. Williams | W. C. Adair |
| 1873 | Big Spring.... | J. A. Mullins... | A. Andrews .. | H. E. Longier | W. C. Adair |
| 1874 | Plantersville .. | G. W. Mills... | A. Andrews .. | H. E. Longier | K. Wells.... |
| 1875 | Mount Zion. ... | W. Lee..... | William Lee .. | H. E. Longier | K. Wells.... |
| 1876 | Ebenezer | J. A. Mullins... | William Lee... | H. E. Longier | K. Wells.... |
| 1877 | Harmony | A. Andrews... | William Lee... | H. E. Longier | K. Wells.... |
| 1878 | Chestnut Creek | F. M. Vines... | A. Andrews... | H. E. Longier | K. Wells.... |
| 1879 | Fellowship.... | A. L. Blizzard. | A. Andrews... | H. E. Longier | K. Wells.... |
| 1880 | Bethesda..... | G. W. Mills. . | J. Falkner | H. E. Longier | K. Wells.... |
| 1881 | Mulberry. | H. E. Longier | J. Falkner | H. E. Longier | K. Wells.... |
| 1882 | Shiloh | A. Andrews... | J. Falkner | H. E. Longier | K. Wells.... |
| 1883 | Randolph. | G. W. Mills... | J. Falkner | H. E. Longier | K. Wells.... |
| 1884 | Harmony..... | W. N. Huckabee | J. Falkner..... | T. M. Henley. | K. Wells.... |
| 1885 | Friendship.... | J. A. Mullins... | A. J. Brooks .. | T. M. Henley. | K. Wells.... |
| 1886 | Clanton | Hardy Jones... | A. J. Brooks .. | T. M. Henley. | K. Wells.... |
| 1887 | Plantersville .. | J. Falkner.... | A. J. Brooks .. | T. M. Henley. | K. Wells.... |
| 1888 | Verbena..... | W. J. Ruddick. | A. J. Brooks .. | W. J. Ruddick. | K. Wells.... |
| 1889 | Ebenezer | G. W. Mills. . | A. J. Brooks... | W. J. Ruddick. | K. Wells.... |
| 1890 | Big Spring.... | J. W. Mitchell. | A. J. Brooks .. | W. J. Ruddick. | K. Wells.... |
| 1891 | Mount Carmel | J. M. McCord. | A. J. Brooks .. | W. J. Ruddick. | K. Wells.... |
| 1892 | Chestnut Creek | H. Jones..... | A. J. Brooks .. | W. J. Ruddick. | K. Wells.... |
| 1893 | Evergreen. ... | J. W. Dunaway | J. W. Dunaway | W. J. Ruddick. | K. Wells.... |
| 1894 | Mount Zion. ... | W. J. Ruddick. | J. G. Lowery.. | W. J. Ruddick. | W. I. Mullins |
| 1895 | Fellowship.... | J. G. Lowery.. | J. G. Lowery.. | W. J. Ruddick. | W. I. Mullins |
| 1896 | Providence.... | F. M. Woods.. | J. G. Lowery.. | W. J. Ruddick. | W. I. Mullins |
| 1897 | Bethsalem | R. H. Long.... | F. M. Woods.. | W. J. Ruddick. | W. I. Mullins |
| 1898 | Bethesda..... | W. J. Ruddick. | F. M. Woods.. | W. J. Ruddick. | H. W. Caffey |
| 1899 | Mulberry | E. L. Manning. | F. M. Woods.. | W. J. Ruddick. | E. B. Deason |

